



ATTACHMENT B Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) An elevation mechanism for a snowmobile ~~of the type~~ having a drive track at a rear end of the snowmobile for driving the snowmobile over a ground surface, the elevation mechanism having a transport position spaced above the ground surface and a use position supporting the rear end of the snowmobile with the drive track spaced above the ground surface, the elevation mechanism comprising:
 - a stabilizer brace comprising a ground-engaging base member and two spaced apart arms secured to and projecting from the base member;
 - a stabilizer brace mount for pivotally mounting the stabilizer brace arms on opposite sides of the snowmobile at a bracing mounting point spaced from the base member and spaced forwardly of the rear end of the snowmobile for pivotal movement of the brace between a transport condition extending rearwardly from the stabilizer brace mounting point and a use condition sloping downwardly to the rear of the snowmobile from the brace mounting point, the transport and use conditions corresponding to the transport and use positions respectively of the elevation mechanism;
 - ~~a ground-engaging edge on the stabilizer brace spaced from the stabilizer brace mount; and~~
 - an extensible-lifting mechanism for connecting at an upper end to the rear end of ~~the snowmobile and connected at a lift having upper and lower ends with the lower end of the lift connected~~ to the stabilizer brace at a lower attachment position spaced from the brace mounting position, the lift being for selective movement selectively actuatable between an extended use position and a compressed position retracted transport conditions corresponding to the transport and use positions respectively of the elevation mechanism; and
 - a lift mount for mounting the upper end of the lift on the rear end of the snowmobile at an upper attachment position rearwardly from the brace mounting position and rearwardly of the drive track;

~~the parts being arranged such that~~ whereby:

the lift is positioned rearwardly from the drive track;

in the use position of the elevation mechanism, the extensible ~~lifting mechanism~~ lift is in the extended ~~position~~ condition and the ~~ground-engaging edge thereby~~ base member of the stabilizing brace engages the ground surface, ~~while; and~~

while in the transport position of the elevation mechanism, the extensible ~~lifting mechanism~~ lift is in the ~~compressed position~~ retracted condition and the ~~ground-engaging edge~~ base member ~~thereby~~ clears the ground surface.

2. (Currently Amended) The elevation mechanism of Claim 1 wherein the stabilizer brace base member comprises a substantially straight ground engaging edge, ~~base member and the two arms are~~ substantially parallel members connected ~~to each other~~ at a rearward ~~ends thereof~~ by the base member, ~~the ground-engaging edge on the base member, and the brace mount comprises~~ two stabilizer brace mounts for pivotally mounting forward ends of the respective parallel members on opposite sides of the snowmobile.

3. (Currently Amended) The elevation mechanism of Claim 1 wherein the extensible ~~lifting mechanism~~ lift is a scissors jack.

4. (Currently Amended) In a snowmobile ~~of the type~~ having a drive track at a rear end of the snowmobile for driving the snowmobile over a ground surface, an elevation mechanism for selectively supporting the drive track above the ground surface, the elevation mechanism comprising:

a stabilizer brace comprising a base member and two spaced apart arms secured to and projecting from the base member;

a stabilizer brace mount pivotally mounting the stabilizer brace arms on opposite sides of the snowmobile at a brace mounting point spaced from the base member and spaced forwardly of the rear end of the snowmobile for pivotal movement of the brace between a transport condition extending rearwardly from the stabilizer brace mounting point and a use condition sloping downwardly to the rear of the snowmobile from the

brace mounting point, the transport and use conditions corresponding to the transport and use positions respectively of the elevation mechanism;

~~a ground-engaging edge on the stabilizer brace spaced from the stabilizer brace mount; and~~

~~an extensible lifting mechanism connected at an upper end to the rear end of the snowmobile and connected at a lift having upper and lower ends with the lower end of the lift connected to the stabilizer brace at a lower attachment position spaced from the brace mounting position, the lift being for selective movement selectively actuable between an extended use position and a compressed position; retracted transport conditions corresponding to the transport and use positions respectively of the elevation mechanism; and~~

a lift mount mounting the upper end of the lift on the rear end of the snowmobile at a position spaced rearwardly from the brace mounting position and rearwardly of the drive track;

~~the parts being arranged such that~~whereby:

~~in the use position of the elevation mechanism, the extensible lifting mechanism~~lift is in the extended position~~condition and the ground-engaging edge thereby~~base member of the stabilizing brace engages the ground surface, while; and

~~while in the transport position of the elevation mechanism, the extensible lifting mechanism~~lift is in the compressed position~~retracted condition and the ground-engaging edge~~base member ~~thereby~~ clears the ground surface.

5. (Currently Amended) The invention of Claim 4 wherein

the stabilizer brace base member comprises a substantially straight ground engaging edge, ~~base member~~ and the two arms are substantially parallel members connected ~~to each other at a rearward end~~ends thereof by the base member, ~~the ground-engaging edge on the base member, and the brace mount comprises two stabilizer brace mounts pivotally mounting forward ends of the~~ respective parallel members on opposite sides of the snowmobile.

6. (Currently Amended) The invention of Claim 4 wherein the extensible ~~lifting~~
~~mechanism~~lift is a scissors jack.